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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief. Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--April 1983

I. GENERAL

Following the explosion at the American Embassy in Beirut, security has been tightened around the Embassy and Bureau in Amman. The road behind the Embassy, in front of the Bureau, has been permanently blocked to traffic, and a barrier of steel poles now lines the curb in front of the Embassy. An electronic gate is to be installed across the driveway beside the Embassy where the ambassador's car is usually parked. Although the new measures have eliminated a number of parking spaces, further snarled traffic flow, and annoyed neighboring merchants, the inconvenience seems a necessary price for the added security.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/monitorial

1. PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat visited Amman 31 March - 5 April. 'Arafat met several times with King Husayn, but the Jordanian-Palestinian statement that was expected prior to 'Arafat's departure was not released when 'Arafat departed on 5 April. He was expected to return 2 days later, following talks with a number of PLO officials in the region, but he did not. On 10 April, following a cabinet meeting presided over by King Husayn, the Jordanians released a communique announcing that Jordan would not act separately or in lieu of anyone in Middle East negotiations. The Bureau's coverage of the talks and their subsequent breakdown was praised in an admin from AG's Mideast Branch, which expressed appreciation for the Bureau's "fine coverage" of the talks and said that our coverage of Jordanian, Syrian, Palestinian and East Jerusalem media had been "excellent."

2. On 30 April the Beirut paper, AN-NAHAR, published an interview with King Husayn, the text of which was carried by Amman television, reiterating that Jordan does not act on behalf of any side and that the PLO is the Palestinian people's only legitimate representative.

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B. Lateral services

1. Since the beginning of April the Bureau has been providing, by courier, a copy of the Bureau's incoming and outgoing file to several additional Jordanian government offices that are assessing the material's usefulness.

2. On 21 April, in response to a request from USIS on behalf of the ambassador, we made a videotape of an Amman Television interview with a visiting professor from Florida Univeristy.

C. Technical

1. A second reperforator has been installed in the Bureau's communications room. This has noticeably improved the unattended overnight operation. Each reperforator handles 3 hours of traffic; items received after that are printed out on the teletype machines. The new system has eliminated the occasional need to ask for reruns of items missed due to paper jams or the heavy volume of traffic and makes it easier for the teletypists to log and distribute the overnight traffic.

2. The Bureau technician ran electrical ducts around two walls in the communications room and put in additional 110-volt outlets so that we can plug all the machines in without using extension cords, as we had been doing. He also ran an electrical conduit from the communications rack to one of the main circuit breakers so that the rack is now fed directly rather than from an extension cord.

III. VISITS

A. As a followup to the Embassy-wide floor wardens meeting, the Regional Security Officer visited the Bureau on 13 April to discuss emergency procedures with our staff. He reviewed what to do in case of fire, bomb threats or and riots. One of the marines demonstrated how to use the new gas masks which the Bureau received recently, and the RSO answered a number of questions.

B. AG Analyst Bob Loftus visited the Bureau 26 April - 2 May. He met with several embassy officers, a Jordanian foreign ministry official and some members of the Jordanian academic community. He and a visiting INR analyst also accompanied the DCM to the Soviet Embassy for a briefing.

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IV. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Bureau Chief was elected to a 1-year term as a member of the board of the American Embassy Employees Association.

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 221,640
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 181,630
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 759

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: BROAD- PRESS PUBLI-
 CASTS AGENCIES CATIONS
 (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK) 5670 19455 60

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN
 MANAMA WAKH IN 550
 ARABIC
 CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN 0
 ARABIC
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN 0
 ARABIC
 EGYPT
 CAIRO MEMA IN 120
 ARABIC
 FRANCE
 PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN 23950
 ARABIC
 PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN 1240
 ARABIC
 PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN 7330
 ARABIC
 IRAQ
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN 3830
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN 17650
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN 8600
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD INA IN 31190
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD INA IN 1530
 ENGLISH
 BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN 0
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD ATH-THAWRAH IN 0
 ARABIC
 ISRAEL
 JERUSALEM IN 4400
 ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD
 JERUSALEM DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN 220
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN 970
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN 450
 ENGLISH
 JERUSALEM AL-RITHAQ IN 0
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN 330
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM ASH-SHA'B IN 0
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM AT-TALI'AH IN 90
 ARABIC
 JORDAN
 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN 25920
 ARABIC
 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN 2240
 ENGLISH
 AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN 5570
 ARABIC
 AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN 700
 ENGLISH
 AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN 1010
 ARABIC
 AMMAN AD-DUSTUR IN 5800
 ARABIC
 AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN 1040
 ARABIC
 AMMAN AR-RAY IN 4200
 ARABIC
 AMMAN SAWT ASH-SHA'B IN 1870
 ARABIC
 AMMAN JERUSALEM STAR IN 510
 ENGLISH
 AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN 3640
 ENGLISH
 QATAR
 DOHA QNA IN 740
 ARABIC
 SUDAN
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN 9360
 ARABIC
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN 250
 ENGLISH
 SYRIA
 DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN 34730
 ARABIC
 DAMASCUS DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN 3550
 ARABIC
 DAMASCUS SANA IN 13810
 ARABIC
 UNITED KINGDOM
 LONDON REUTER IN 4170
 ENGLISH